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(SBU) On November 8, Park Hee-kwon, MOFAT Director-General for the Treaties Bureau, requested a meeting with POL M/C to announce that Seoul would support the reelection of Mr. Matheson to the International Law Commission (ILC). Recalling our reftel demarche in August 2006, Park said that the ROKG had decided to back Mr. Matheson's reelection in view of the primary emphasis Seoul placed on the U.S.-ROK alliance and in recognition of the leading role played by the United States in the international law community. Park continued that he had enjoyed a good working relationship with U.S. officials, asked the Embassy to pass along his regards to State Legal Adviser Bellinger, and welcomed further discussions on North Korea or any alliance matters.
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